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1. THE LAST FRENCH FLIGHT FROM SAIGON FOR THE NEXT TWELVE DAYS ARRIVED JULY 10 WITH NO AMERICANS ON BOARD. THE APPROXIMATELY 55 PASSENGERS WERE VIRTUALLY ALL VIETNAMESE, AS WELL AS SEVERAL INDIANS AND THREE NATIVE-BORN FRENCH.

2. ACCORDING TO PASSENGERS, NO AMERICAN WERE AT TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT WAITING TO BOARD PLANE. HOWEVER, TWO OF THOSE SCUEDULED TO DEPART JULY 9 SPOKE WITH PASSENGERS ARRIVING ON TODAY'S FLIGHT AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING. AMCIT GERALD POSNER TOLD ONE VIETNAMESE THAT GROUP OF SEVENTEEN MADE IT ONLY AS FAR AS
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DOWNTOWN AIR VIET-NAM OFFICE, WHERE IT WAS INFORMED THAT IT WAS

GOING NOWHERE FOR THE TIME BEING. POSNER REPORTEDLY BELIEVES
THAT AUTHORITIES INTEND TO SEND ALL AMERICANS OUT AT ONE TIME.
AMCIT FRED RIVERA DINED LAST NIGHT WITH TWO FRENCHMEN WHO
ARRIVED TODAY. RIVERA TOLD THEM THAT GROUP'S DEPARTURE WAS ORDERED
HELD UP BY HANOI, PRESUMABLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS. RIVERA SAID
THERE WAS AN INDICATION--BUT ONLY SLIGHT ONE--GIVEN THAT GROUP MAY
BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE IN EARLY AUGUST.
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